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Worst Flood In History Sweeps North Carolina

Toll of Five Human Lives Claimed by High Waters—Losses Of Property Reach Huge Figures—From Lake Toxaway to Hot Springs Damage Estimated at \$10,000,000.

Asheville, N. C., July 16.—Taking a toll of five human lives with a property loss estimated from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 and with hundreds of people rendered homeless by the destruction of more than 100 houses, the worst flood in the history of the State swept the river section of Asheville and the French Broad valley early this morning, and at 8 o'clock tonight the waters of the Swannanoa and French Broad rivers were 15 feet above their banks, although believed to be receding. Reports from towns in the French Broad valley, covering a territory from the Lake Toxaway section to Hot Springs, near the Tennessee line put the property losses at nearly \$10,000,000. Reports from these sections are difficult to obtain owing to the interruption of telegraph and telephone communication, lines being down everywhere. At 1 o'clock today the Western Union Telegraph company succeeded in looping up a telephone wire to Atlanta, thus getting the only line of communication to the outside world at that time.

The dead, so far known, are Capt. J. C. Lipe, Miss Nellie Lipe, an unmarried daughter, all of whom were drowned in the Swannanoa river at Biltmore while efforts were being made to rescue them from their flooded home near the river bank. Two others, Lonnie Trexler, a white laborer and Luther Frazer, a negro, were drowned this evening while attempting to carry food to marooned guests at the Glen Rock hotel. At noon today the water had reached the second floor of this hotel driving all guests to the third and fourth floors. The Southern passenger railway station opposite the Glenn Rock hotel has eight feet of water in it. All train service in and out of the city has been suspended.

Sweep Through Valley.

An estimated rainfall of from six to eight inches throughout the French Broad valley during the last week was the primary cause of the floods which reached their highest point shortly after daybreak this morning. These conditions were further aggravated when the dams holding back the waters of Lake Ocoola at Hendersonville and Kanuga at Kanuga were carried away, the tides thus liberated sweeping down through Henderson county past Asheville and into the adjoining county of Madison. Communication with the latter section by either telephone or telegraph has not yet been established, but it is feared that the entire town of Marshall has been wiped off the map.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon fears were entertained for the big dam at Lake Toxaway, the bursting of which, it is said, would send the waters sweeping through South Carolina and would create conditions worse than those of the Johnstown flood.

Hundreds of children from the cotton mill section of the city, whose homes were swept away early this morning, crowded the city hall this afternoon. Hastily formed relief committees are making every arrangement for the sheltering and feeding of the city's homeless.

Biltmore Under Water.

The town of Biltmore, laid out 25 years ago by the late George W. Vanderbilt, is almost entirely under water, ranging in depth from three to five feet, and is completely cut off from the city of Asheville by a raging torrent of water, the Swannanoa, which at some points is a mile wide. It was here the first loss of life so far reported was recorded when Capt. Lipe and two daughters were drowned in an effort to escape by boat from their home, which was swept from its foundation by the rapidly rising waters. Three women who reached the tree tops from the second floor of

their house across the road from the Lipe home were rescued this afternoon by boatmen.

The property losses of lumber and plants throughout the section will reach an appalling total. Woodworking plants along the French Broad were washed away, thousands of dollars worth of lumber being dashed against the abutments of concrete and steel bridges which span the French Broad at this point.

BIG STORM SWEEPS ACROSS THIS STATE

Leaves Charleston Undamaged and Hits Interior Portion—Collier Goes Down in Gale.

Leaving Charleston, which suffered only minor damage, the tropical storm born in the Caribbean this week, yesterday swept inland over South Carolina, bringing torrential rains and high winds to all the coastal plain and the lower Piedmont. The chief damage so far seems to have been to the growing crops, which are believed to have suffered heavily as a result of the precipitation and the wind.

The sinking of the United States collier Hector off Charleston harbor, with its possibilities of heavy loss of life, was almost the only tragic factor in the story of the storm as told in early advices. Whether the 142 people on board the ill fated vessel had been rescued could not be told last night, as communication with the Alamo, which was reported standing by the wreck, had not been established.

From reports thus far received the Pee Dee section of the State seems to have suffered most. News from that section is that the wind and the down-pour of rain have wreaked havoc with the crops and may have caused damage to other property.

Last night the Columbia weather bureau reported that the storm centre had passed Columbia and was in the neighborhood of Charlotte, N. C., where a gale was blowing. The bureau reported rains of an inch or more in the entire lower section of the State, precipitation belt extending beyond Columbia to the north and west.

No loss of life has been reported except in Charleston where early accounts said a negro was killed by coming in contact with a live wire.

Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms did not feel the full force of the storm and both escaped serious trouble. Nothing has been heard from the summer colony at Pawley's island, and dispatches from Florence said there was some anxiety regarding its safety. It is probable, though, that the main disturbance missed Pawley's as it did Sullivan's.

WILL OPEN CAMPAIGN

Hughes to Start Fight Early Next Month.

Bridgehampton, N. Y., July 14.—Charles E. Hughes will open his campaign with a speech in Detroit on the night of August 7.

Mr. Hughes said he would adhere to his plan to make only ten or 12 speeches on the trip, which would take him to the Pacific coast and will return East in time to go into Maine before the September election.

Mt. Bethel Club.

Mt. Bethel Democratic Club will meet at Mt. Bethel School house Friday, July 21st, to enroll for the primary. July 25th is the last day the books are open.

All are urged to attend.

Chalmers Brown,
Secretary.

MY MAMA
BUYS MY CLOTHES
AT HOME

with apologies to
WOOL SOAP

"AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

Are values in our community SHRINKING? Is our neighboring town getting AHEAD faster than ours? Are we making a POOR bargain? Have WE cause to WISH we had done differently? Then this old familiar picture (one of the best known in the world) may start us thinking on the right track. HOME values are bound to SHRINK, if our policy of trading is WRONG. We only need to borrow the wisdom of a child to appreciate the value of trading at home. Patronize the Home Merchant.

STATE DENTISTS WILL MEET COLUMBIA

J. T. Montgomery of Spartanburg Elected President of South Carolina Body.

The State.

Greenville, July 13.—The annual meeting of the South Carolina Dental association came to a close this morning, the most important business being the election of officers, which resulted: President, J. T. Montgomery of Spartanburg; vice president, W. B. Simmons, Piedmont; secretary, E. C. Dye, Greenville; treasurer, A. H. Corley, Edgefield. P. B. Brooker of Columbia was made a member of the board of examiners.

The next session of the convention will be held in Columbia in May, 1917.

This was the largest convention ever held by the association. Many of the dentists brought their families and the hotel at Chick Springs where the sessions were held was filled to its capacity.

TO PREPARE AGAINST INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Columbia, S. C., July 15, 1916.
Secretary Board of Health,
Dear Sir:

In view of the epidemic of Infantile Paralysis in New York and other States, you are requested to endeavor to ascertain whether there are any cases in your city and report same by telegram or telephone to this office. Any cases which may occur, or children showing suspicious symptoms should also be reported.

I am enclosing herewith bulletin on Infantile Paralysis. This bulletin was published in 1910, but has practically the same information that we now have in regard to this disease. We have in press a later bulletin which will be sent to you at an early date.

It is not the desire of this office to needlessly alarm the public, but we must be prepared to meet any emergency that may arise.

Please see that your local press receives notice of this letter.

Yours truly,
James A. Hayne, M. D.
Secretary State Board of Health.

BIG COLLIER GOES DOWN OFF CHARLESTON HARBOR

Hector, With 142 People Aboard, Sunk in Shallow Water—Fate of Crew and Marines Not Known.

Charleston, July 14.—The large naval collier Hector, carrying 60 marines in addition to her crew of 70 men and 12 officers, sank off Charleston late today, according to a report made here tonight by Capt. F. R. Hunt of the tug Vigilant, which tried to go to the Hector's assistance. The steamer Alamo had been standing by the collier today, having responded to her calls when the collier was disabled some 60 miles off here in last night's hurricane.

Capt. Hunt was unable to get within more than three miles of the Hector and no wireless report could be obtained from the Alamo. It was not known here whether the Alamo had been able to take off the 142 persons aboard the Hector.

From the steamer Arapaho which arrived here today came the report that the torpedo boat destroyer No. 25 was being towed in by a tug.

It was not known what damage had been done to the destroyer.

The Hector left Port Royal for Santo Domingo carrying the marines who were recruits for United States forces in Santo Domingo and Cuba. She attempted to put into port here when the storm disabled her, but according to Capt. Hunt, was unable to get further than to within about 9 1-2 miles of the Charleston lightship, before she sank. Capt. Hunt said part of the collier's superstructure remained above the water. The Hector displaced 11,200 tons and was built at Sparrows Point, Md., in 1908.

All wires to Port Royal naval training station, from which the marines aboard the Hector came, were out of order tonight as a result of last night's hurricane and no information was obtainable from there as to names of the marines or others aboard the collier. Officials of the naval station here refused to make public any information that might have been received by them. All queries were referred to Washington.

Watch next Friday's Herald and News. A big campaign begins, Saturday, July 22, 1916.

HECTOR'S PEOPLE SAVED IN TEETH OF BIG STORM

All the 142 Men From Wrecked Collier Brought to Charleston—Achievement of Wellington and Cypress.

Charleston, July 15.—All of the 142 men on board the United States naval collier Hector, when she struck off Cape Romain, were rescued. The light house buoy tender Cypress rescued 21 of the men and the tug Wellington rescued 121. Both vessels had great difficulty in getting the imperiled men. The Cypress reached her wharf here at 6:30 o'clock this morning, soon after the Wellington. The Cypress at once proceeded to the navy yard.

No statement could be procured from Capt. Newell of the Hector, as officers refused to allow a reporter to see him. Four men on the Hector were injured. Oiler Singleton had his right leg fractured. Coal Passer McDermott has many burns. Chief Engineer E. C. Mercer had also bad burns. Ship's Carpenter Christine has a fractured leg and gangrene. These men are in a local hospital.

Praise for Captain.

Officers and men of the Hector praised Capt. Nelsen warmly for his splendid seamanship during the rescuing of the 121 men. The transfer was fraught with grave danger. Time after time the boat carrying men between the Hector and the Wellington narrowly missed being crushed, as enormous waves carried it swiftly and mercilessly toward the side of the big tug.

STORM IN ORANGEBURG

No Great Loss Except to the Crops.

The State.

Orangeburg, July 14.—The storm reached Orangeburg early last night. Much damage has been done to the crops of the county. No destruction of property has been reported. The electric light plant was put out of commission during the early morning, but the current was turned on again this afternoon. The telephone company suffered little damage.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS PROSPEROUS PROSPERITY

Prosperity, July 18.—Mrs. G. W. Bedenbaugh has as her house guest, Misses Annie and Jessie Milne of Columbia; Alice Peake of Rocky Mount, Va., and Mary Wright of Newberry.

Miss Bertha Greg Gullman of Newberry is visiting Miss Sara Mae Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Bowers have gone to Clemson college to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hunter.

Mrs. J. I. Oxford has returned to her home in Piedmont, Ala., after a two week stay with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Harmon.

Mrs. J. C. Schumpert and Miss Jean Adams leave today for Virginia.

Dr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hunter spent several days last week in Atlanta.

Miss Nettie Barnes is visiting relatives in Honea Path.

Mr. Herbert Langford of Columbia has been spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Langford.

Dr. J. R. Langford and wife of Swansea spent last week here with Dr. Langford brothers.

Mr. S. D. Duncan of Columbia spent Sunday with Mr. H. Crosson.

Rev. Mr. Carson and Mrs. Henry Parr of Newberry were guests Wednesday with Mr. J. H. Crosson.

Mrs. J. P. Wheeler has returned from a visit to Newberry.

Mrs. L. A. Black and children have gone to Rural Retreat, Va., to visit.

Mrs. A. E. Parkman and children of Columbia are guests of Mrs. M. H. Boozer.

Miss Eunice Adams of Pomaria is spending awhile with her sister, Mrs. Bachman Richardson.

Mrs. Pearl Rikard and children of Atlanta have come over to visit Mrs. Rikard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Counts.

Mr. Ed. Werts and mother have gone to Mountville their old home for a few weeks stay.

Miss Huie of Newberry is visiting Miss Julia Ward.

Rev. Mr. J. J. Long of Little Mountain spent Thursday in town.

Miss Jones and Mr. Frank Black of Wards were guests Thursday of Miss Essie Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Suber of Newberry have been visiting Mrs. Pat Mitchell.

Mrs. George Bearden and daughter, Miss Elizabeth of North Carolina are spending their vacation with Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Luther.

Mrs. Laurie Nichols of Schumpert's mill spent last week with her brother, Mr. S. B. Hawkins.

Little Miss Pauline Counts of Greenwood is visiting Miss Alma Gibson.

Mrs. L. C. Schumpert and son of Savannah are spending the week with Mrs. B. B. Schumpert.

Rev. E. P. Taylor and Mr. W. C. Dominick attended District Conference in Abbeville last week.

Mr. J. D. Luther had a slight operation performed on his throat last week, and his friends will be glad to know he is able to be out again.

Miss Margery Luther of Columbia arrived today to visit her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Luther.

A Dime Reading will be given Thursday evening at the Town Hall in the auspices of the Kings Daughters. A well selected musical program will be rendered and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Newberry will be the Reader of the evening. Everybody cordially invited.

Miss Lois White entertained Thursday evening July 13 in honor of her house guest Misses White and Kennedy. Progressive conversation was the feature of the evening after which tempting ice course was served.